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KAREN RICHTER 00:00:15: I'm with Tom Byers and David Loud, conducting the Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action Oral History Project. Today we're talking to Thurston Delane Muskelly at his home at 415 29th Avenue South, Seattle. Today is August 13, 2019. And this is a video interview. So: Hello Thurston! It's good to know you.

THURSTON MUSKELLY 00:00:43: Hello, how are you?

KAREN 00:00:45: We're going to talk a little bit more about your earlier life during this part of the oral history project and then we're going to jump to your current life because we did a part two already. That covered a lot of your wonderful advocacy work and your union work. So, but if there's anything that we want to add, we can certainly do that. We've got plenty of time till then.

Okay. So, can you please state your full name? And tell us a little bit about your family history? Where were your grandparents and your parents from?

THURSTON 00:01:25: I was raised in North Carolina. I was born in South Carolina. I came from a great family of responsibility. I was born April 12, 1933. My mother was a college professor and she majored in English. My father was a railroad engineer. He ran on number thirty four locomotives. In my early age, my father took me around house and led what encouraged me to be into mechanics. And my mother taught college and high school English. And she went to all girls school in Winston Salem, North Carolina, which was a private school. My grandfather and my great grandfather sent her to college to Winston Salem, Teacher's College, which was a private girls school.

I left North Carolina in 1950, I joined the Navy. And I went to San Diego for my basic training. And after my basic training, I was put on the *USS Albany*, which was a heavy cruiser headed for Korea. I was eighteen years old. And we went into Korea and I stayed there two years. And it was a dreadful thing for eighteen year old goes through but I managed it. I went to after I left Korea came back to United States and was transferred to Pensacola, Florida where a Blue Angels were home. Pensacola Naval Air Station.

I met my wife two years after I got there. And we had a romantic debut. And we finally gotten married 1954, got married in Lucedale, Mississippi. After I got married, we was transferred to Norfolk Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. And I stayed there for two years and I was discharged in north of Virginia, and my home was in Salisbury, North Carolina as well my parents stayed. And we came back to Salisbury. And we left Salisbury, about two months after and went to Youngstown, Ohio.

My uncle got me a job at Youngstown Sheet and Tube, which was a steel mill. And I was crane operator there. And in 1958, they had national steel strike. And the steel strike lasted six months. My brother in law was living in Seattle, his name was Harvey White. He called my wife and told my wife to come to Seattle. And visit for two weeks. She might like it. And she came here to Seattle in 1958. And she liked it. I was laid off from work. And she said, we should come to Seattle. Since there are more job opportunities out here, so we discussed it. And I left Youngstown, Ohio, to come to Seattle, Washington.

THURSTON 00:06:55: And after I got here, they said they wanted me to work for Boeing, and I said "No, I'm not going to work for Boeing. Because Boeing lays off too much." And I just come off a big layoff. So my brother in law [took?] me to U.S Public Health Service hospital. And they only had one job available, which was a janitor's job. And I had to be a disabled veteran to get that job. And I was both. So when I took the job, everybody started laughing. With my resume. They laughed at me because I was overqualified for the job. And I took the job because I had a wife and a young baby and started off with \$1.73 an hour. And it was an old German guy by the name of Mr. Marx. And he came to me and told me, said, "Thurston, if you stay here eight months, I have opening for you." And I stayed there eight months. And sure enough, I got a job in engineering.

KAREN 00:08:50: What was the job Thurston?

THURSTON 00:08:52: The job was a repairman for blood pressure equipment, operating equipment, boiler room, all of this was in engineering. And they kept me in mechanics. And we stayed in mechanics for twenty five years. And I worked on the laundry equipment, laundry washer, the dryer, everything in the laundry, everything in the hospital I worked on. And it was a promotion for me because I went from \$1.73 to \$25 an hour job.

KAREN 00:09:56: (laughs) That's quite a difference.

THURSTON 00:10:00: (agrees) quite a difference.

THURSTON 00:10:02: And in 1970, I ran for union president. And people had enough confidence in me to make me the spokesman for the union. Previous in my life, my father had thirteen cows, that was calves and milk cows, and it was saying to do with a farm. And I was put in charge of all of these animals to see they was fed, seated, they had a

comfortable place to lay down, see the dead new straws. See, they got out into the faster. That was my responsibility. My father put me in leadership, long time for seven when I was seven years old. And that's where I got the responsibility from. All of us, all children that belong to Ed and Eloise, well Skelly had chores to do. And the reason they had chores to do is because my father pressed us into thinking that we help the family by doing these chores. And it was easy, but it was great responsibility.

KAREN 00:11:53: It sounds like you had brothers and sisters,

THURSTON 00:11:55: I had one sister and one brother. And both of them are deceased now. But my sister started cooking when she was six years old. And my brother start chopping wood when he was seven or eight, and it was his job to bring in the wood and make sure that we had enough firewood in the house for my mother to cook and that type of thing. And he had other chores, which was churning the milk and that type of thing. We all took our jobs responsible.

KAREN 00:12:47: What were their names Thurston?

THURSTON 00:12:49: My sister's name was Rosemary Muskelly. And my brother's name was James he was named after his name was James Fletcher Muskelly he was named after my grandfather. My name, my mother said she wanted no Johns or Jims, but she named my brother James. But she came with Thurst and for me, I got a named Thurston Delaine Muskelly.

KAREN 00:13:30: And Delaine is that a family name?

THURSTON 00:13:32: No.

KAREN 00:13:33: Is that a name that she liked?

THURSTON 00:13:35: See, all our names were spelled together. Roses name was Rosemell, R-O-S-E-M-E-L-L

KAREN 00:13:51: And what happened with them? Did they eventually wind up in Seattle with you?

THURSTON 00:13:56: No, my brother worked for freight liners. And my sister was an elementary teacher at Monroe Elementary School. And my father expressed about leadership. He didn't want no followers.

KAREN 00:14:29: So he taught you that at a very young age.

THURSTON 00:14:31: Yes. I had to think and I had to work to think

KAREN 00:14:43: You said you worked a crane. Worked with cranes. Originally. Did you? Were you part of the Union at that time in Youngstown?

THURSTON 00:14:50: Yes, I was a part of the Steel Workers Union. I worked off of the blast furnace. That's where you pour the ore into a furnace. And the overrun went in to a waterway leg. And the crane ran over the water well, and I would get that overrun and went into the water out and put it in railroad cars.

KAREN 00:15:23: What was being in the Union like for you at the time?

THURSTON 00:15:26: It was great. I love unions. Unions bring people together and you get different ideas and you get growth. And everybody comes out along in unions, it makes sure that things are open for you. And you can grow in unions.

KAREN 00:15:58: So you are now back in Seattle. And you have a child?

THURSTON 00:16:05: Yes, I have a child. And I met Dr. Will Johnson as a union man. And he had been out one night in you know, corms somewhere. I don't know who it was. But he came back and he won't express to me that he wanted to help people in Seattle on health care. And he said there were fifteen free clinics. And he wanted to know if I would assist him or help him to help people that didn't have health care, and I told him I would.

KAREN 00:17:06: Well, there's a poster over here that your granddaughter did. Is that right?

THURSTON 00:17:10: Yes.

KAREN 00:17:11: Maybe we can take a look at that.

KAREN 00:17:19: Just bring this over here. Maybe you can talk a little bit about those days Thurston

THURSTON 00:17:25: Well this is when I was in the Navy. And my granddaughter, great granddaughter. She came to me and asked me grandpa Do you have any of your pictures when you were in the Navy? And I told her Yes.

THURSTON 00:17:54: And she said it's going to be Veterans Day. And I have a project. And I want to make a poster for my school. And would you give me a material to do it with and I told her I'll give her a picture and her dad took this picture up here to talk? And she made this poster. And she got an A for it.

KAREN 00:18:32: Is that said a picture of you down there?

THURSTON 00:18:35: Yes. When I was in Navy,

KAREN 00:18:39: There we go. That's great. So that's you as a handsome young Navy. And is that a medal on the side?

THURSTON 00:18:48: Yes, that's a Korean medal.

KAREN 00:18:51: And you were awarded a medal?

THURSTON 00:18:54: So Korean medal and she made this poster and she got an A for it.

KAREN 00:19:03: Wonderful.

THURSTON 00:19:04: And so she said,
“Grandpa, Imma have it laminated.”
And so she did and got it laminated.

KAREN 00:19:15: Would you mind talking a little bit about your wife and what she did? What her career was like?

THURSTON 00:19:26: Joyce was outstanding female. She had real good qualities. Her mother raised her children where they accept responsibility. And that's why I married Joyce. Joyce was a person that took on responsibility just like anybody else. She worked for Frederick and Nelson on the first floor, in handbags for twenty six years. She, she didn't today, she would always tell me, hun Imma be working tonight and I come down and pick me up on Fifth Avenue. And she took on responsibility. She didn't like to see children that couldn't read. Children didn't know how to do math. And she worked down at school, teaching children how to read and that type of thing. And she was just a wonderful wife. Joyce also were the Vet Center Senior Center as a volunteer serving food to other seniors. And she also worked in the kitchen. And she was a lady that loved responsibility. She could get along with anyone. She could make you be welcome when you

thought that you were not well. She always had a smile that people didn't expect. She or she never met a person that she didn't know. But she never met a person and that would not cooperate with her. She was a people's person.

DAVID LOUD 00:22:14: David Loud here, Thurston say a little bit about your parents ethnic background, because I think you're such a fascinating American story.

THURSTON 00:22:31: Well, people don't know it, but I was always classified as a negro. But I am not a negro. I'm—My mother was full Cherokee Indian. She was 6'6, weighed 250 pounds. And she was a beautiful person. Beautiful. My father was Indian, Italian and Caucasian. And [my] grandmother—his mother was a negro. Her last name was Robinson. My father had five brothers and three sisters. And it was just opposite on my mother's side. My mother had four brothers and a sister. She was lonely sister. My daddy, he loved to work with his hands and he ran old number thirty four he'd be gone two days. And that's why we kids had to take on responsibility or helping our mother to do the chores around where we stayed. And my grandfather was an Indian and my grandmother was Indian. And my grandfather is the one that built the church, Maple Ridge Baptist Church that's where I first started learning how to read and how to write and I have the old Bible that I used to read from dad, my grandfather, you sit me down and read from the Bible is the mason Bible. All of my people on my mother's side was Masons. They were either 32nd or 33rd. I didn't follow any footsteps. [samsara?] didn't I didn't have time. But all I'm was 32nd Mason, so 30 degree masons. And so was my great grandfather. And my great grandfather and all of my ancestors appeared at Maple Ridge Baptist Church in Union, South Carolina. He set aside a space special place for us to be there. So, yes, that's my history.

KAREN 00:26:06: How about Joyce's family, what were they like?

THURSTON 00:26:10: Joyce's mother was five, eight. And she was a beautiful person. Her name was [? Wollondale ?] Williams. She was a domestic worker. She worked for people in Florida by cleaning their houses and that type of thing. And Joyce's daddy. His name was Bob Williams. He was a mechanic for the Blue Angels. He worked on the Blue Angels. And they all call him shorty. Because he was short.

KAREN 00:27:03: So did any of your family move out here with you ?

THURSTON 00:27:07: No

KAREN 00:27:07: The only one? You're the only one?

THURSTON 0027:09: All of them lived on the East Coast, my mother and my father. They wouldn't come out here and Joyce's mother came out here for a short visit. And she died in Seattle. She had cervical cancer. And cancer just ran in my wife's family.

KAREN 00:27:45: Is there anything more you'd like to add about your past or David, did you have a question?

DAVID 00:27:56: Thurston, could you tell us when you lost Joyce

THURSTON 00:28:08: My wife discovered that she had cancer three years ago. And I lost my wife on the 18th of this year, 18th of April. This year, my wife died at 7:45 and I was by her side. She's buried out it where shell (gas station) is on Aurora Avenue.

KAREN 00:28:42: And you mentioned you have a granddaughter and who else do you have in your family here?

THURSTON 00:28:47: Well, I have a son and

KAREN 00:28:51: What's his name?

THURSTON 00:28:52: His name is Thurston E. Muskelly. He married lady from Louisiana. They had two children. They had a boy and a girl. And the boy is he works and delivers stuff that FedEx and USPS won't touch. In other words, he deals with large items like cameras. machines that get shipped from one hospital to the next hospital. And he also deals with packages from Boeing and everywhere else. He works seven days a week. His name is Thurston D. Muskelly and he's a second. I don't have a junior and Chelsea finish from LSU. And she has a degree in business administration and accounting. My two youngest, great grandchildren. The girl should be an eighth grade, or ninth or eighth grade. And my grandson great grandson, he'll be in seventh grade.

KAREN 00:30:38: What a wonderful family you have.

THURSTON 00:30:41: And his daddy, their dad, it works for one of the largest health. He's in the healthcare field too, he see people and work with people in hospice and in medical care and all that kind of stuff. He represented district ten. Like I used to do when I was in union. And his wife is a wedding planner,

KAREN 00:31:21: A wedding planner?

THURSTON 00:31:22: yeah, wedding planner. And they've been married now think about I think a little over fifteen years.

KAREN 00:31:39: Well, after we're done with the interview, we're gonna shoot some pictures of or take record some pictures of your family, whole crew. Lovely. Is there anything more you'd like to add about your family before we change direction?

THURSTON 00:31:52: Well, I have a unique family all my life and I had a family of love and compassion. And we cared a lot for each other. And we still do. But that's about it.

DAVID 00:32:23: David here, Thurston I liked the story of how you met Joyce. Could you tell that again?

THURSTON 00:32:32: (laughs) I went into a barbecue place. It was named Joe Martin in Pensacola, Florida. On pacifically Highway south. And I drove in. And they were car hops. In other words, the people would bring a trade to your car, and I remember them. And so I drove in and jaws came out. And and I told you, you have cute little very. And she said, You are a foreigner. I don't know. I don't know what you are foreigner. She said, but I'm not afraid to talk to you. And I had black coarse hair. And it started from there. That's when we started courting each other. And I met her mother and I met her daddy and I met the children. Joyce had five little siblings under her. And they was from from two years old to six. There was five of them and she had the responsibility of raising those kids.

KAREN 00:34:13: She was raising her sisters and brothers,

THURSTON 00:34:16: yes, sisters and brothers.

KAREN 00:34:25: Here's the question. Was there any Cherokee cultural influence in your childhood?

THURSTON 00:34:32: Yes. My father always told me if you didn't work You didn't eat. And that was one of the things that my father was good at when he killed a cow or hog or anything whatever you kill a moose, whatever. Everybody got a piece. Everybody got a piece in the neighborhood, everybody got a piece of the whole neighborhood in the neighborhood.

KAREN 00:35:18: He was sharing?

THURSTON 00:35:19: Oh, yeah, he believed in share. He, he just couldn't get around it, he would tell my mother, he called a wheeze, wheeze, his sister so on. So at home, in and my mother would say, Yeah, well, here it is down to carry this piece of me down to everybody got a piece of, of joy. As the way my father was,

KAREN 00:35:54: Well, how about we move to more current time? Think a little bit about where we are now. And I always ask this question. And and I'm going to ask you, can you tell us about someone in your life that really helped to motivate you to become an activist? You know, your union president or your union background? Was there somebody very special that really motivated you to do what you did and how you accomplished it?

THURSTON 00:36:33: Well, I had it in me. When David called me, David Loud call me. Doctor Willard Johnson gave elongation to David. And after I met David and Tommy, and the rest of the crew that they were working with. It was a great influence on me. And I didn't like for people to be denied health care. And so another inspiration was also my wife, she, she told me after they left. Thurston, we got to help these, we got to help these people. And that was the inspiration right there.

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KAREN 00:37:49: If you think about all the years that you worked, and all the wonderful things that you did, what would you say is your greatest accomplishment? What are you most proud of?

THURSTON 00:38:03: Well, my greatest thing is reaching out to individuals, helping individuals. Seeing that they enjoy life as well as anybody I was. I really get disturbed when people that is in power that can do some for individuals and don't do it. I don't like individuals that prey on other individuals as less than they are. I think that they are entitled to just as much care. Much patience as anyone else. If they can't afford to pay forward. They shouldn't be mistreated.

KAREN 00:39:19: That sort of leads into a question about the current state of affairs today. And the political climate that we find ourselves in. What surprises you, what surprises you now?

THURSTON 00:39:34: Well, it really surprised me that people be involved with other people that has a conscience and conscience means common sense. It really disturbs me that people work with People that have been in poor conditions, no fault of their own by society that they don't try to push that position where it's supposed to be. In other words, you see that individuals need help. And they don't have the strength to do it on their own. Somebody should reach down and help them.

KAREN 00:40:38: I agree. I think we all agree. So I have just one more question left. I don't know if Tom might have one. But what's your greatest hope?

THURSTON 00:40:52: Well, my greatest hope (inaudible) is his individuals will look on individuals with love and peace. And not hate. Because I don't think hate is is the proper word to be used. I think that some people are just disgusted with their lives. And they, they don't have the ability to reach out and help someone.

KAREN 00:41:39: I'm glad we have someone like you that does have that ability to do just that. They're still it's been a real privilege for me to to talk with you. I will ask David. And, Tom, if you have any final questions you'd like to ask them.

DAVID 00:41:58: They don't remember how much it is. David here was covered in the previous interview. But one of the things that I've always been impressed by is that in 1981, after the federal government pulled out of the Public Health Service hospital and you retired from the federal service, it wasn't long before you threw yourself into a whole new field of activism as a community activist, with a Central Area Development Association, with the Leschi Community Council with the central area senior center. And I wonder if you could just tell us a few highlights of your second as a activist leader.

THURSTON 00:42:48: Well, David, the reason I went to central air Development Association is like I said previously, these individuals help seniors, in other words, seniors, that's not too much money in social security. And they own their own house. Today, they can afford monies to pay or maintaining homes, or maintain the yards. This was organization. That painted, repaired, cut yards, maintained. landscaping, trim trees, everything seniors couldn't do. And the mayor

turned her back on that. The reason I went to senior center is because seniors were crying out about the circumstances up there to senior center. When I went to the senior center. They only had one I own one stove working, no refrigeration, no nothing. Thanks to the mayor of Seattle at that time. What I'm trying to think of his name,

KAREN 00:44:48: Norm Rice,

THURSTON 00:44:49: not Norm Rice, no Caucasian guy before before Roe-

DAVID 00:45:02: West Coleman?

THURSTON 00:45:07: No, it was one before that one.

DAVID 00:45:12: Before [? Charlie ?] he's going back!

THURSTON 00:45:19: He's one that that guy hit it with the microphone.

DAVID 00:45:23: That's Paul Schell

THURSTON 00:45:24: Paul Schell. I had a meeting with Paul Schell. I told Paul Schell, what the condition were update us. I mean that senior center. He told me, "See Muskelly. See the city has a matching for how much money you raise, we will match it." So, I went back to the senior center and told him that we got to raise some money. So the city can match the money so we could get a new kitchen. We raised \$70,000. The city match that \$70,000 (inaudible) Paul Schell. And we got a new steamer. We got new stoves, we got new refrigeration, we got the kitchen remodeld. At that time, [? Will Pairer ?] was with me. We got everything we want it. We got people to come in and volunteer and paint. And we got electricians who come in, volunteer and did electrical work. And thanks to Paul Schell. You got a good A-1 kitchen up there at the senior center today.

KAREN 00:47:14: I would say thanks to you and your fundraising probably and had something to do with it too.

THURSTON 00:47:19: And we start fixing up that center. The politicians would only come to the center when they needed votes. They'll never show up until voting time. And [? Will Pairer ?] was really upset about that I was upset about it is because the only time we seen these individuals would be when they needed us for votes. And I can say one thing about Charles Royer. Charles was a good mayor. He really worked with the coalition. That's why we got this authority up there to us Public Health Service hospital. He was a man of caring. He did everything he can possibly do. And this what I don't understand about a person that runs for office and don't have a concern for their constituents. And that bothers me.

DAVID 00:48:59: So at the central area Senior Center, you were active on the board for a while and you had a you were

THURSTON 00:49:08: I was board president

DAVID 00:49:09: Board president for how long were you on the board? And how long were you president?

THURSTON 00:49:13: I was president of the board for ten years.

DAVID 00:49:19: And you're still active up there and volunteer?

THURSTON 00:49:22: like day to day.

DAVID 00:49:23: Yeah. So how about the Leschi Community Council? There's a whole other chapter

THURSTON 00:49:28: Well there's a lot of chapters. Seniors Leschi Community Council. I was president of Leschi Community Council for ten years. The city gave me \$2.4 million and I did flow airpark do we did power Burnett Park We did peppers Park down by Leschi School. And we also brought in the girls school is on the corner of Martin Luther King in Jackson Street. And the reason we brought that girl school in here is because it was going to be competitive with the boys with the, with the young men, we wanted the young ladies to be competitive with the young man. In other words, if they got a degree in mechanical engineer, young lady had a degree in mechanical engineer, she could stand as tall as he did. So that's why the girls school we are responsible for bringing the girls school. We also is responsible for the land that the city didn't want other people to have access to, like the dead end streets going into Lake Washington. [? Carry on dobbert kid ?] them to court. And we want all of those blank areas that people couldn't use that the city said you couldn't use. And we got those places for people to use.

DAVID 00:51:34: Well, I know one thing is, for ten years, I lived down at the end the dead end of 32nd by Frank Park. Yeah. And after I left there in [19]85. In later years, I came back and I saw what an amazing job the Leschi Community Council did in cleaning up and restoring that beautiful park. Yep. So that's one of the things that's an example of what you were just talking about, right?

THURSTON 00:52:00: Yeah.

THURSTON 00:52:02: In other words, we went into all of these parks and made walkways for people to visit the parks. And I was also president of central area, Community Council and represent all the councils in the Seattle area. I was there ten years. I was at US Public Health Service hospital as president for twenty five years. As one thing I loved about Maggie.

DAVID 00:52:48: You're talking about Senator Warren Magnuson?

THURSTON 00:52:49: I'm talking about Senator Warren Magnuson, he's the best thing ever happened to the city of Seattle. He was a man of caring. He talked to me a long while. And I brought it up that our workers at US public health hospital wasn't getting enough, enough incentives to to take on all this extra work. And he says, "Thurston," he said, "I got a program called upward mobility. I'm sending you sixteen slots. You choose individuals."

And we, my executive board, set up a system with alphabets. In other words: ABCD. We didn't know the name. We didn't know the culture. We didn't know anything about them don't to say we knew about them was the resume that they presented. And Maggie had a program that LPN went to a BA, a BA could go to a master's in from a Masters to your Ph.D. And we were very fortunate to have four people to get a PhD and the federal government paid for all of this service through Maggie. And just like I told you, when you have people that cares, they will reach out to the limit to help you and you got one good senator Now she's [Patty] Murray. She will reach out and help you. But this young lady we got in Seattle as mayor (Jenny Durkan). No way. I don't have any confidence. It's just like, I don't have any confidence in Larry Gossett anymore. He hasn't helped his constituents at all. There's no changes. See, there got to be changes, David. When you run for office, you have to make changes.

THURSTON 00:55:51: You have to do things that some time. You don't think it's necessary. Sometimes it isn't necessary. But when older people feel this country, then you got to give them something. You got to give them something. Because you're going to get old just like I am. If you live long enough.

DAVID 00:56:22: Speaking of offices, I you mentioned three, after you retired three president positions you had in community organizations each for ten years.

THURSTON 00:56:35: Yes.

DAVID 00:56:36: Did did any of those overlap? Were you like president of more than one at once?

THURSTON 00:56:42: I was more. I was president, all at once! (laughs)

KAREN 00:56:52: So you were president of all those organizations at the same time. And this is after you retired?

THURSTON 00:56:57: Yes.

KAREN 00:56:58: And you're still active.

THURSTON 00:56:59: And I'm still active.

KAREN 00:57:01: Well, you are a force. Thank you. Tom. Do you have any questions, David, any follow up? Thank you so very much Thurston and we're privileged to be able to talk with you and thank you for sharing your life with us.

THURSTON 00:57:15: Yeah.

KAREN 00:57:16: Thank you.

THURSTON 00:57:18: Me, Myself and Mayor Nichols. He was another good Mayor that gave service to me. It's the same.

KAREN 00:57:33: And what does it say? Can you read that?

DAVID 00:57:37: It says, "To Thurston Muskelly. Best wishes, Greg Nickels."

KAREN 00:57:46: Who's this?

THURSTON 00:57:52: And this is one was Scoop [Henry] Jackson. I made it— This was taken in Washington, DC, and come to find out we had on almost the same suits.

DAVID 00:58:10: And that's when you were back. Lobbying for Public Health Service Public Health Service.

THURSTON 00:58:17: And this was a great senator.

DAVID 00:58:21: Do you think that might have been after Maggie was out of office?

THURSTON 00:58:26: No. This is when they were against when Maggie was in office. This is part of my backbone. This is my wife.

DAVID 00:58:59: Bless her memory

THURSTON 00:59:01: Yup!

KAREN 00:59:06: Here's another lovely one (picture)

THURSTON 00:59:09: Yup, that's her again. This is a photo of her and myself.